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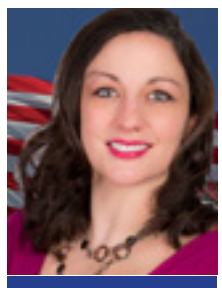
Changing hearts and minds

By Frank Pizzoli

For Lehigh County Commissioner Amy Zanelli, "protection and discrimination issues" are top priorities. She was instrumental in bringing equal rights legislation and job protection for the LGBT community to Lehigh County last February when Lehigh County Executive Phil Armstrong signed two administrative notifications enhancing county-level LGBT non-discrimination protections.



Amy Zanelli is the first out county-level official in the Lehigh Valley

The first notification clarified the county's own employment policy. The second mandates that county contractors and grantees also comply with the non-discrimination requirement.

Originally from Northern New Jersey, Zanelli is a licensed real estate agent who took office this year. She lives with her wife Angela and their three children in West Bethlehem.

She is a Rutgers University graduate with an extensive human services background that includes working with substance abuse, mental illness, parent education, and in-home family counseling, as well as child abuse investigation and serving as a safe space liaison for LGBTQ youth. Currently, Zanelli is a mentor for troubled youth with Allentown's Tabor Mentor Services and as a volunteer at Calypso Elementary School, Bethlehem.

"We raise our three kids completely out in the open here in Bethlehem," Zanelli tells *The Central Voice*. "We have helped change hearts and minds here at our local elementary school and that was part of what gave us the courage to run." All five of her family were featured on her election materials and they attended all events together.

"This is my first elected office, but we made history as the first out county-level official anywhere in the Lehigh Valley, not just Lehigh County," Zanelli explains.

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They love roller derby

...and it loves them back

In a world of slams, whips and blocks, the roller rink is a safe haven

By Louie Marven

"Bismashual," known outside the derby rink as Leslie Hall, is president of Harrisburg Area Roller Derby's board of directors. She competes wearing makeup and lipstick referencing the colors of the bi flag.

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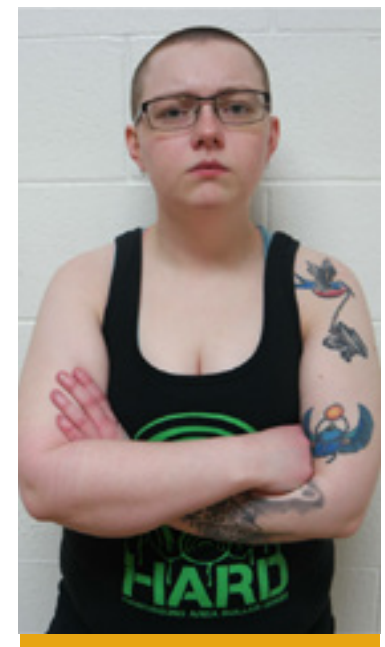
After reading a lot of think-pieces on the significance of openly LGBT athletes competing in the 2018 Winter Olympics, I started thinking about queerness in sports. Then I wondered how local queer people compete athletically.

I recalled seeing local women's roller derby teams raising funds for LGBT organizations.

I saw a parallel in challenging our gender norms: Adam Rippon's figure skating - the softness of his skating - with local roller derby leagues challenging gender - the hardness of the women's skating

The local league is called Harrisburg Area Roller Derby, or HARD, for goodness sake! Was my impression correct that there is something queer about women's roller derby?



"It's nice to find like-minded people who are coming from a common viewpoint with acceptance and sexuality."
-Skater Sarah Benoist

Leslie Hall, whose roller derby name is Bismashual, said, "I feel personally that it's a very queer sport because it's very accepting," noting that one teammate shared that the confidence she gained in roller derby helped her come out to her family.

Cassidy Frazee, a league member who is working toward certification, described roller derby as a safe space for women, including queer women.

Beyond LGBT participation in the sport, local skaters pointed out the queer aspects of the roller derby and the community around it.

There is a history of rebellious women participating in roller derby. And HARD's outreach had been to people on the margins: women with tattoos, women with an unconventional personal style, women who worked tough jobs.

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ANTI-CHRISTIAN PROSECUTION

Meghan Fischer, legal counsel with ADF International, a branch of the anti-LGBT group Alliance Defending Freedom, reports that in India there are several requirements would make it difficult for people to convert from one religion to another (in this case, from Hinduism to Christianity). In addition, Christians are being attacked and arrested: Some laws require potential converts to notify local government officials, while others even mandate advance permission, which often is not granted. This violates a fundamental principle of international human rights—that a person may believe whatever he or she chooses to believe, and that no one may force him or her to adopt or renounce a particular belief. Recent arrests include 32 Catholic seminarians singing Christmas carols, chaperones for a Christian summer camp, and a Christian handing out pamphlets. Extremists attack Christians as they worship in their churches and homes under the pretense of preventing fraudulent conversions.

EUROPEAN UNION

ALL EU COUNTRIES MUST RECOGNIZE GAY SPOUSES

All European Union countries must recognize the residency rights of same-sex spouses, the EU's top court has ruled. In a landmark ruling for gay rights in Europe, the European Court of Justice ruled Romania must grant residence to the American husband of a local man even though Romania itself does not permit same-sex marriage. Adrian Coman, from Romania, and his American husband, Claibourn Robert Hamilton, have fought a six-year legal battle to get their marriage, which took place in Belgium in 2010, legally recognized in the eastern European country. The ruling has implications for tens of thousands of same sex couples in Romania, Poland, Slovakia, Bulgaria, Lithuania and Latvia.

IRELAND

LGBT & ABORTION RIGHTS CAMPAIGNERS

"I think there's a huge amount of solidarity between grassroots feminist campaigns and grassroots LGBT campaigns," one activist told Laura Silvers, *BuzzFeed News*. The LGBT and abortion rights movements in Northern Ireland have vowed to fight in solidarity to win the same rights as people in the rest of the UK and in the Republic of Ireland. "Just like abortion rights, marriage equality is another issue that Northern Ireland is behind on and there's an accumulation of impatience," Eleanor Crossey Malone from feminist campaign group Rosa told *BuzzFeed News*. "It's increasingly ludicrous that we find ourselves in a situation where we're surrounded on all sides by states where you can access abortion or marry someone of the same gender and we're not willing to wait any more," she continued. "Something has to be done now."

POLAND

WARSAW UNVEILS 'UNBREAKABLE' LGBT RAINBOW

Gay rights groups in Poland have unveiled a new and "unbreakable" rainbow installation in Warsaw to replace the original one that suffered repeated attacks from far-Right groups reports Matthew Day from Warsaw, Poland. The new rainbow, which lights up a busy intersection in the city, is formed by a water hologram, with light bouncing off a curtain of vapor. As light and water cannot be defaced in the same way as a solid structure, its creators hope it will not suffer the fate of its predecessor and will become "an unbreakable symbol of love, peace, LGBT rights and equality." The old rainbow, made of artificial flowers, was taken down in 2015 after it was set on fire in series of up to seven attacks that became a symbol of the battle for gay rights in Poland.

NATIONAL

MAN CLEARED OF MURDER USING 'GAY PANIC' DEFENSE

James Miller successfully used the 'gay panic' defence after killing a neighbor who tried to kiss him. After Miller retired from the Austin Police Department, he took up guitar, strumming the instrument at a nearby musicians' bar, trying to put together a jazz band and getting together at the house of David Spencer, a 32-year-old neighbor and a saxophonist who shared his passion. In September, 2015, after a night of music and drinking at Spencer's house, Miller testified, his younger neighbor made a fatal mistake: He moved in for a kiss.

Then, he said, he pulled out a knife and stabbed Spencer two times. Three years later, the former police officer claims the killing was self-defense, and he was in a "gay panic" after being hit on by another man. The former police officer was sentenced to six months in jail. He will have to complete 100 hours of community service, pay $11,000 in restitution to Spencer's family and use a portable alcohol monitoring service for at least a year. He will also be on probation for a decade.

TAKE THAT, TRUMP - CANDIDATE AIRS SAME-SEX KISS

Maryland state Sen. Rich Madaleno (D) wants two things: to be elected governor of his state and to irritate President Donald Trump, reports Sara Boboltz for *The Huffington Post*. The gubernatorial candidate's TV ad begins by listing accomplishments, including sponsoring legislation to support Planned Parenthood and a measure to ban assault weapons, which he says "infuriate" the president and his conservative allies. "Take that, Trump," Madaleno's supporters, including several children, chime after each item. For the kicker, Madaleno turns to husband Mark Hodge for a kiss. Madaleno's campaign said the ad began running in the Washington, D.C., market during "Fox & Friends" - a show the president famously adores. The ad is the first in the United States to show a political candidate kiss a same-sex partner, according to the LGBTQ Victory Fund and Madaleno's campaign.

RED SOX PAINT LOGO IN RAINBOW COLORS

Jim Buzinski reports that The Boston Red Sox did a totally cool thing recently for their LGBT Pride night vs. the Detroit Tigers when they painted the team's logo in rainbow colors as a decal on the pitching mound prior to the game. This led to a surprising backlash from some fans who — in their comments on the team's Instagram page — showed why such nights are necessary: "So we gonna have a straight night now too?" "Can we please start a straight white male club already?" "I don't agree with celebrating pride." "You don't see all the straight people in the world running around with their own flag and special events and nights. And if they did well I can't say I'd support that either!" "I don't dislike gay people at all. Just the fact that some of them need to rub it in the whole world and face all the time! So I'm not homophobic at all." "We watch baseball for the game not to politicize someone's choice of who they date or marry. How about the Red Sox promote real marriage between a man and a woman also if they are going to do the other." "Where's the pride night for normal, married men and women that have children and are a family? It's a two-way street."

CA BANS STATE-FUNDED TRAVEL TO OKLAHOMA

California Attorney General Xavier Becerra announced June 1 that California will ban state-funded travel to Oklahoma because of a new law that allows private agencies to refuse to place children with same-sex couples, reports Noah Lanard for Mother Jones. The ban comes after Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin signed a bill earlier this month that allows private agencies to block children from being placed in foster care or be adopted when doing so would violate their religious or moral convictions. Proponents of the Oklahoma law, such as the Catholic Conference of Oklahoma, argue that it is needed to protect religious freedom. After signing the bill on May 11, Fallin said in a statement that it would allow "faith-based agencies that contract with Oklahoma to continue to operate in accordance with their beliefs." Becerra's decision comes after California Gov. Jerry Brown signed a bill in 2016 blocks state-funded travel to states that enact laws allowing discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression. "California will not use state resources to support states that pass discriminatory laws," he said. "California taxpayers are taking a stand against bigotry and in support of those who would be harmed by this prejudiced policy."

STATE

LOCAL CANDIDATE TO RUN AGAINST SCOTT PERRY

Democrat George Scott will run against incumbent Republican Congressman Scott Perry on Nov. 6 for Pennsylvania's 10th Congressional District. Pennsylvania's 10th Congressional District is newly located in the south-central region of the state. The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania redrew the district in 2018 after ruling the previous map unconstitutional, adding State College while removing some Democratic-leaning areas and re-designating it the 12th district. The new tenth district boundaries encompass the cities of Harrisburg and York in the south-central part of the state.

CENTRAL PA HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED

"We want people to vote for pro-equality candidates, regardless of their political affiliation," Allison Vankuikan tells Central Voice. Vankuikan is part of the Human Rights Campaign's effort in Pennsylvania.

The effort was kicked off at a late-May meeting hosted by the LGBT Center of Central PA that drew 30+ people.

HRC advocates stirred up 29 events during June, traditionally known as Pride Month and will host a booth at Central PA Pride Festival on July 28.

HRC plans an organizing campaign with several layers.

Vankuikan explains that, like all voters, there are distinct patterns when it comes to voting habits.

"Some LGBT voters never miss. Others vote only in Presidential delegtions. Some aren't even registered to vote," Vankikan notes. HRC wants to turn that around in Pennsylvania.

"Visibility events are at the top of our list," Vankuikan says. So are more focused efforts like "phone banks, or texting potential voters". The point is "equality is a bipartisan issue".

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A politically incorrect proposal

Publisher's Voice

By Frank Pizzoli

When the anti-LGBT backlash began with President Donald Trump's campaign and eventual swearing in, I pitched to a friend what I called 'a politically incorrect' proposal.

We alternately laughed and noted the seriousness of what we were discussing. (Anyone feeling oppressed who does not have a sense of humor won't be able to create change. Only complain.)

Here it is –

I propose that any business in the US is free to select its customers.

When applying for a local or state or Federal business license, all businesses are required to list any and all individuals, groups, demographics, races, religions, sexual orientations who are NOT welcome. A clear statement of whose dollars they do not want.

Why?

Because their religious and/or political values would be violated if they were compelled to provide services.

Further, on the front door of the establishment, on web sites, billboards, anywhere the business advertises, they are required to publish the list of customers not wanted.

Potential customers can then make an informed decision. Business owners can 'own' their preferences and values. It's a Win-Win. No customer has to feel dehumanized by being refused services. Business owners can stick to their values. Let the dollars fall where they may. Let the Marketplace sort it out.

Everyone gets what they want and need. (Ok, let's get the freshman Philosophy Class example, known as the Island Example, out of the way: What if a person on the list has only one choice of cake baker or florist? Try the next town down the road. Shop online.)

No one is allowed to sue because they must provide services to someone who violates their values. No one is allowed to sue because they were refused services. The sign is on the front door.

One must have lots of faith in Humanity for such a proposal to work. I do.

I trust that folks not on the 'do not want' list of a business would also not enrich such a business owner. In effect, the business loses dollars from more than the undesirables.

Why make such a proposal?

When I saw that Knoxville, Tenn. hardware store owner Jeff Amyx, who in 2015 put up a 'No Gays Allowed' because he said same-sex marriage is against his Christian beliefs, I thought it was time.

Amyx first put the sign up on his store back in 2015 after a Supreme Court ruling legalized same-sex marriage nationwide. Amyx, who is also a Baptist minister, said gay and lesbian couples are against his religion.

Fine. Just be sure your sign is up – and includes anyone else whose money you do not want because they offend you or your religion.

We also have Republican South Dakota Representative Michael Clark who believes that businesses should have the right to turn away customers solely because of their race.

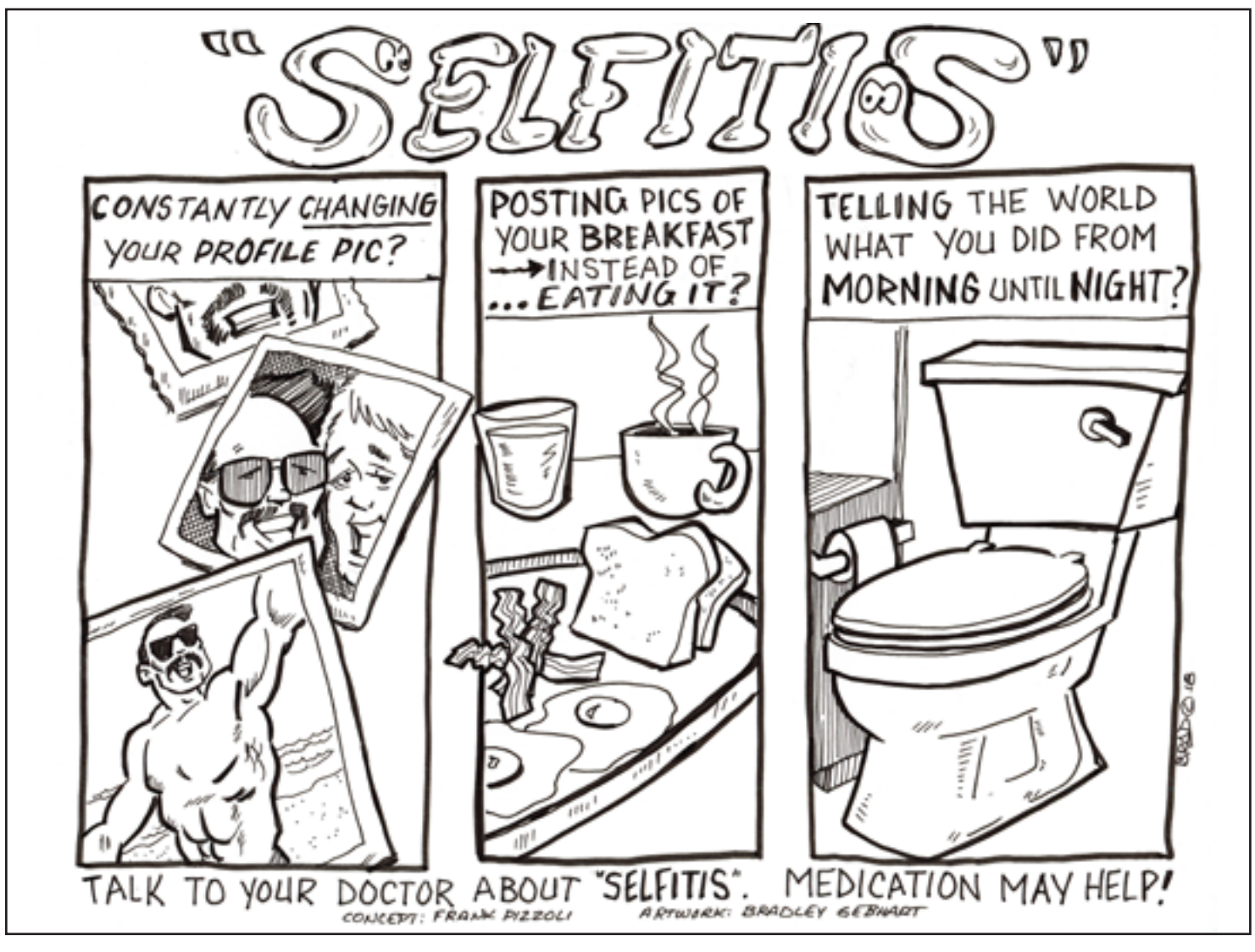
Clark expressed his beliefs in a Facebook discussion of the Masterpiece Cakeshop case, in which an anti-gay baker argued that his religious beliefs required him to discriminate against LGBT people. (Although successful, the Masterpiece decision applies only to that particular baker- see Laurie Baulig's column page 25)

"He should have the opportunity to run his business the way he wants," Clark wrote.

"If he wants to turn away people of color, then that('s) his choice." Clark said that the Supreme Court decision in favor of the anti-gay baker was a "win for freedom of speech and freedom of religion."

Clark later wrote online: "The comments I made were very racist. I would like to apologize for those comments. Businesses should not be able to discriminate solely based on race, sex, national origin, age, or handicap," he said, not including sexual orientation or gender identity in his list.

I'm certain if Clark owned a business and put up such a sign, he'd lose all sorts of folks who wouldn't want to enrich him. That's how the market works.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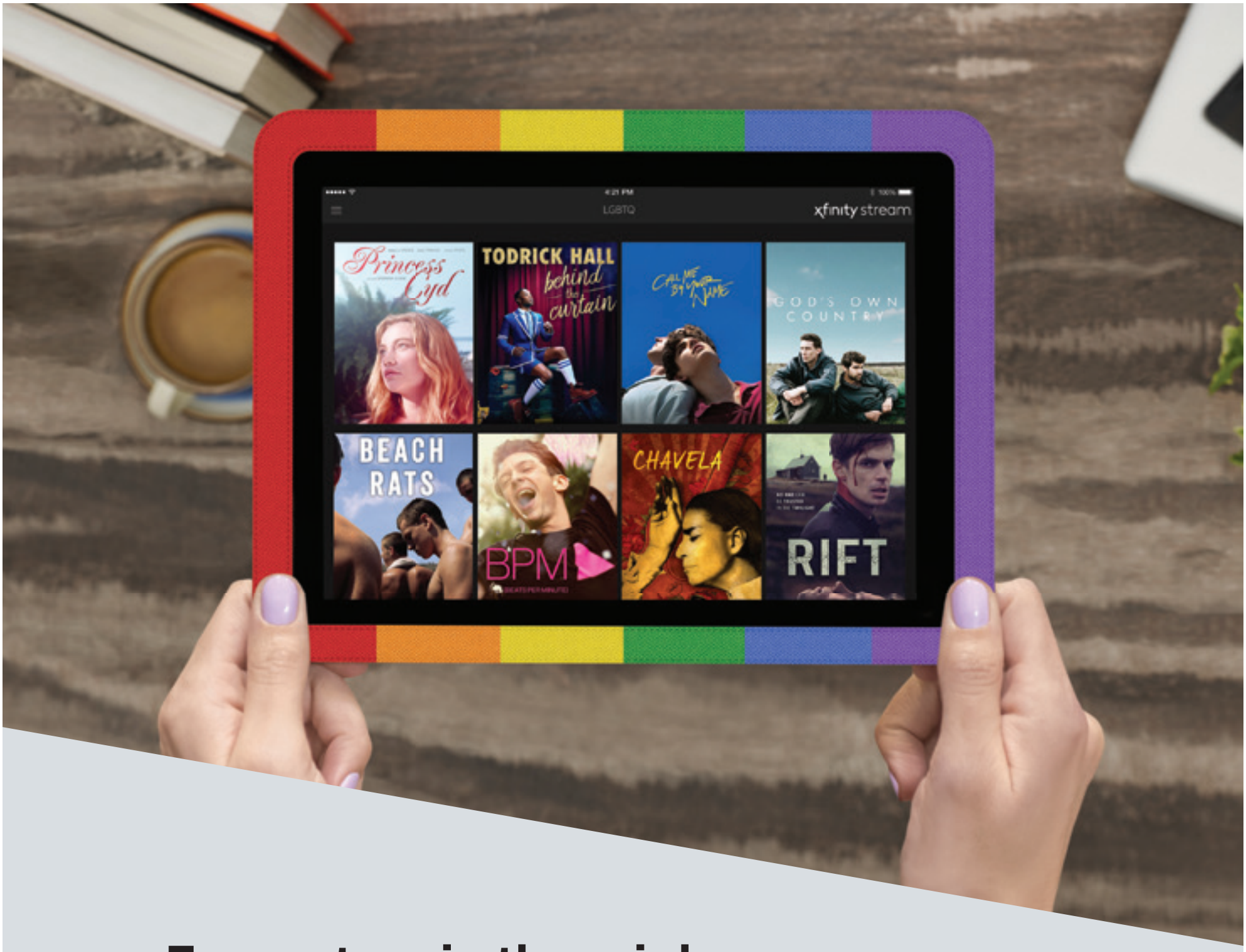

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Op-Ed: Standing up for America's LGBT elders

By U.S. Senator Bob Casey (PA)
Ranking Member, Special Committee on Aging

Older LGBT Americans continue to pave the way for equality. They display perseverance and courage regardless of the obstacles, they fight against discrimination and stand up to bigotry. And, they have done so for their entire lives. Unfortunately, the Trump Administration is attempting to roll back many of the hard-fought gains made by the LGBT community over the years.

It is for that reason, that I have been using the resources available to me as Ranking Member of the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging to fight on behalf of the millions of LGBT Americans ages 65 and older. Faced with prejudicial social stigma, this population experiences unique challenges that are often overlooked, including higher poverty rates, difficulty accessing health care and social isolation. Older LGBT Americans may be less willing than younger generations to discuss their sexual orientation or gender identify, either out of generational norms or a life-experience of discrimination. This can be particularly prevalent for older LGBT Americans entering senior living facilities.

When this Administration attempted to undermine the rights of LGBT elders and remove key survey questions concerning the LGBT community, I took action, alongside SAGE and Human Rights Campaign, among others. In June, the Administration heeded my calls and announced it would continue surveying the needs of older lesbian, gay and bisexual Americans who receive services through key programs at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This was an overdue first step, and there remains a number of actions this Administration has taken to isolate the LGBT community. I continue to call on the Administration to restore survey questions concerning transgender Americans and reverse their troubling course of action. Reducing data collection on LGBT older adults, and making decisions to no longer specifically focus on their needs, is threatening to erase the enormous gains that have been made in recent years.

Recently, I hosted a briefing on Capitol Hill with SAGE to educate congressional staff about the unique issues facing older LGBT adults. During, the briefing, representatives from SAGE, Movement Advancement Project, Human Rights Campaign and Mary's House for Older Adults highlighted issues including visitation rights for unmarried partners in medical facilities, health care for older Americans with HIV/AIDS and a lack of resources and cultural understanding of the needs of rural LGBT seniors.

Our work to secure equality for LGBT Americans is not done. The gains achieved by the LGBT community through years of hard work and perseverance are not set in stone. And, with the number of LGBT Americans age 65 expected to double by 2030 new challenges will continue to emerge. That's why I will continue fighting to ensure that the Administration recognizes and supports the rights of LGBT Americans of all ages.

Voice Box

Notes from our readers:

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
Thank you for the article featuring the newly reconstituted Harrisburg Human Relations Commission. Informing your readership about the role of the Commission and non-discrimination is important so that people know that there may be a remedy when they believe they have faced discrimination.
Russel A. Boggs, Chair, City of Harrisburg, Human Relations Commission

E-mail your thoughts to frankpizzoli@gmail.com

Lambda Literary Foundation honors

By The Central Voice

Roxane Gay and Edmund White were honored with Lambda Literary Foundation's Trustee and Visionary Awards, respectively. Rick Whitaker introduced Edmund White with a tribute composed entirely from sentences found in Mr. White's books. Accepting the Visionary Award, White shared, "Contained in the word "novel" is novelty, and lesbian and gay writers have been lucky to write about this new world."

Rebecca Solnit introduced Roxane Gay, who won the Trustee Award. "The word "encourage" literally means to instill courage, and Roxane's work is marked by both courage and encouragement," said Solnit. During her acceptance speech, Gay said "As a woman, as a black woman, as a queer woman, writing has offered me salvation and sanctuary."

You're smug, I'm not

Ally in the Academy

By Trum Simmons

A recent column in *The New York Time*s was headlined "Liberals, You're Not as Smart as You Think." While many liberals are very smart, the writer said, "they are not as smart, or persuasive, as they think."

The *Times* then printed several letters in response to the column under the head "Are Liberals Too Smug and Self-Righteous?" with most of the letters disagreeing with the columnist. Yet another piece, this one in Slate, was titled "You Are the Problem: Is Liberal Smugness to Blame for Our God-awful Political Climate?"

Interesting word, smug. A quick dictionary definition is "marked by excessive complacency or self-satisfaction." Smug came from "smooth" or "sleek," so it obviously began with positive connotations.

Are liberals smug? Conservatives? Progressives? Libertarians? What do all those words mean while we are at it?

I've long been bothered by the misuse and abuse of these large concepts, especially liberal and conservative. While we probably can agree on some basic definitions of each, it doesn't take long for a person to chafe under the stereotypes that are so easily thrown about in subsequent discussion.

Take for example one response to the *Times*. "In detailing liberals as self-righteous, hectoring and arrogant the columnist forgot the most important aspect: They're also wrong," said the writer. And in the 2016 presidential election, conservatives were often stereotyped as being stuck firmly in some past golden age where everything was just the way it should be.

Conservative comes from words meaning "to keep, preserve, keep intact" and "to guard." Liberal comes from words meaning "generous," "befitting free people," "noble" and "gracious." Given these definitions I am both liberal and conservative depending on the context in which we are speaking.

It's clear that the definitions of liberal and conservative have never been static. In addition, are we talking about these designations in the political, cultural or some other arena? Can't a person be an economic conservative and also a cultural liberal, and the other way around?

The *Times* columnist also maintained that liberals control "the commanding height of American culture." They "dominate the entertainment industry, many of the most influential news sources and America's universities."

On the one hand, liberals have helped Americans become more sensitive to racism and sexism, leading many to rethink their views on race and gender, he said.

Some liberals, however, "have gotten far out ahead of their fellow Americans but are nonetheless quick to criticize those who haven't caught up with them."

He thinks too many liberals have been busy policing other people's language, calling people racist and generally using their view of American culture "to lecture, judge and disdain."

"Anyone hesitant about transgender women using the ladies room is labeled a bigot," he continues, noting that "gender identity disorder" (his quotation marks, not mine) was considered a form of mental illness until recently, leading me to wonder if he would like us to return to that designation. (Not sure I like the use of the term "ladies room," but I don't want to appear smug.)

Well, I do believe that some liberals are the judging and disdaining type, but no more so than many conservatives. People of all persuasions engage in the inflammatory rhetoric that informs so much of our current political and cultural discourse, and of course social media magnifies all this.

The columnist criticizes liberals because he believes they do not realize that their rhetoric pushes people away more than it pulls them in, and he has a point. I believe we all push people away when we start preaching instead of talking. I've never been comfortable when I hear friends refer to people who disagree with them on an issue as "haters."

It comes down to your worldview and who holds the power to enforce that view. When liberals, progressives and radicals question authority as in criticizing the government or other power centers in our society, conservatives often respond by calling them arrogant true believers who have no right to their point of view.

It seems to me that often those in power become outraged that anyone should question the status quo, because they like things the way they are (I happen to believe that conservatives have been exercising plenty of power in all facets of American life). They enjoy their influence and control, so anyone questioning them is a threat.

So who is smug and who isn't? I believe that while many people are smug, most aren't. I certainly hope that you don't find a hint of smug in this particular column, at any rate.

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What can we learn from Stonewall?

LGBT Center of Central PA

By Amanda Arbour

It's Pride season, marked by the festivals, flags and social media frames - and lots of opportunities to be out and proud celebrating who we are. I love this season, and it's a reminder to me that amidst all of the attacks on our rights and daily microaggressions that we face, we can still come together and celebrate our communities - which is powerful.

We would be remiss, though, in celebrating Pride without remembering its roots. What we celebrate each year was borne out of the Stonewall riots, led by trans women of color fighting back against police brutality.

Stonewall was not just a gay bar in New York City - it was one of the only gay bars where the most marginalized LGBTQ+ people were welcomed and accepted - a haven for trans people, drag queens, sex workers, homeless youth and people of color. It was frequently subjected to police raids, and this raid was part of a broader crackdown on gay bars for operating without a state liquor license - which the N. Y. State Liquor Authority refused to grant to gay bars.

In the wee hours of the morning on June 28, 1969 the NYPD raided Stonewall, violating this haven and arresting at least 13 people - mostly trans people. The patrons of Stonewall had had enough and they fought back. This resistance was led by Black trans woman Marsha P. Johnson and Latinx trans woman Sylvia Rivera, as well as Black lesbian Stormé DeLarverie.

These facts about Stonewall often get overlooked, intentionally left out or white-washed away, as in the 2015 film Stonewall. Thus, it is imperative that we educate ourselves on this critical part of our LGBTQ+ history, and learn from what really happened at Stonewall to inform our movement today.

It is no coincidence that at Stonewall those who were most directly impacted by the police violence became the leaders of the resistance. Isn't that how it is in all of our movements? The more marginalized you are, the more that resistance is not an option - it is necessary for survival. Yet in our movement, trans women of color rarely get the recognition, support and resources that they deserve for the vital work that they are doing.

How many trans women of color leaders can you name off the top of your head? Not just celebrities like Laverne Cox or Janet Mock - although they are doing incredible work increasing visibility for trans people - but people doing the work in our communities.

Naiymah Sanchez serves as the transgender advocacy coordinator for the ACLU of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, engaging with transgender communities and advocating and organizing across the state to advance the rights of transgender people in Pennsylvania.

In Pittsburgh, Ciora Thomas is the founder of sisTers PGH, which provides education, advocacy and emergency shelter for trans and nonbinary youth and adults, with the primary goal of establishing permanent low income housing for people transitioning out of emergency shelters.

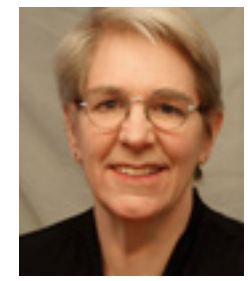
Lordes Ashley Hunter serves as the co-founder and executive director of the Trans Women of Color Collective in Washington, D.C., which works to uplift the narratives, lived experiences, and leadership of trans and gender-nonconforming people of color.

In Los Angeles, Bamby Salcedo is the founder and president of the TransLatin@ Coalition, which brings together transgender Latina leaders to organize and advocate for the needs of trans Latinas in the U.S.

Each of them are doing incredible work, and we must elevate their stories and their leadership. We should not just be talking about trans women of color in the aftermath of violence, but lifting up their names and their stories of leadership and change-making daily.

For every Marsha P. Johnson and Sylvia Rivera in our history, there is a Naiymah Sanchez and Ciora Thomas making change in our LGBTQ+ movement today. As we seek to frame a narrative of Stonewall that accurately reflects the leadership of trans women of color, let us also frame a narrative of today's movement that elevates the ongoing work of trans women of color.

Bradbury appointed to Alzheimer's task force



Bradbury

Gov. Tom Wolf recently appointed Liz Bradbury to serve on the 15-member Pennsylvania Alzheimer's State Plan Task Force.

Bradbury is Director of The Training Institute at Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center and is a certified trainer for SAGE: Services and Advocacy for GLBT Elders.

The Pennsylvania Alzheimer's State Plan Task Force was created at the Pennsylvania Department of Aging to take a lead role in implementing and championing the goals and recommendations of the Pennsylvania State Plan for Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders.

In a release from the Pennsylvania Department of Aging, Secretary Teresa Osborne stated: "The Wolf Administration is committed to embracing and supporting Pennsylvanians who are touched by Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder," said Secretary of Aging Teresa Osborne. "We are confident that the task force will help us ensure that home and community-based services and supports are available, accessible, and responsive to the needs of both caregivers and those living with dementia."

Upon learning of her appointment, Liz Bradbury stated, "I am grateful to the Wolf Administration for this appointment, which demonstrates the administration's commitment to the LGBT community with regard to issues on aging. LGBT older adults are at a high risk for lack of support and advocacy but are more likely to have to seek institutionalized care later in life because we are statistically less likely to have children. It is critical to the health of older LGBT adults that the LGBT community is included in the planning related to aging issues, including Alzheimer's."

Adrian Shanker, Executive Director of Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center, stated, "I am grateful to Governor Wolf and Secretary Osborne for the appointment of a highly-qualified LGBT person to serve on this important task force within our state government. Liz Bradbury is a life-long advocate for the LGBT community and is passionate about issues related to older LGBT adults. I am glad that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will benefit from her expertise and service to The Pennsylvania Alzheimer's State Plan Task Force."

Record number of women running for U.S. Senate in 2018

After filing deadlines in 38 States passed, a record number of women have filed as major party candidates for the U.S. Senate in 2018, according to The Center for American Women and Politics .

As of June 1, 42 women – 24 Democrats and 18 Republicans – have filed for candidacy, surpassing the previous high of 40 set in 2016.

Republican women have already surpassed their record high for filed U.S. Senate candidates; 17 women filed as Republican Senate candidates in 2010.

In 2016, 28 Democratic women filed as U.S. Senate candidates, which currently remains the record high.

"Women have not only broken a record for U.S. Senate candidacies this year," according to CAWP's director, Debbie Walsh. "They are also contenders in some of the most competitive races of this cycle."

Of the 42 women who have filed for the U.S. Senate:

· 8 (6D, 2R) are incumbents who have filed for re-election

· 7 (3D, 4R) are running for open seats in 3 states (Arizona, Tennessee, and Utah)

· 12 (4D, 8R) are seeking major party nominations to challenge incumbent senators

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Making Sense of Life

By Dr. Terry Drew Karanen

Take pride in your relationships

Have you noticed how complicated relationships can be? The LGBTQAI+ communities have developed relationship issues, expectations, and social norms beyond our straight counterparts. We have exceeded those limitations.

The word "limitations" is used intentionally. Other terms come to mind: rights, abilities, and obligations. Limitations was used because in a culture that has fought for freedom, and continue to do so in many of our communities today, we are quite adept at placing restrictions on the freedoms we acquire.

What are relationships anyway? It's not just coupling. It's certainly not the act of being legally married. Gays and lesbians fought for that right for a very long time the U.S., yet some of the most vocal gay and lesbian advocates of legal same sex marriage have declined to take advantage of the right. Why? Too many restrictions.

Besides long-term romantic relationships, we form relationships in all areas of our lives. The people we work with, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identification; our family members, blood or chosen; our circle of friends; and, casual encounters, which range from opening the door to a stranger to sharing a few minutes of erotic ecstasy without knowing his name.

We often say we don't want to get involved, yet we are involved, with all the above situations and far, far more. There is an energy exchange of some kind in all the interactions we have with other people. We can choose to deny it or ignore it, but that doesn't stop it from happening. This is most noticeable in our primary relationships.

Our society in general is obsessed with finding the "perfect relationship." This ideal implies finding someone who will be faithful to us, never leave us, and in this will make life just peachy. The Hollywood fantasy of finding or being Prince/Princess Charming is very new to humans, occurring over the past two centuries, give or take a decade.

Before that time people coupled primarily for property, for security, and for procreating; the latter provided an unpaid, live-in work force to work the fields. Love was an added byproduct, appreciated, but not necessary expected. While we are appalled as a community at the limitations put on modern heterosexual marriages, there are plenty of same sex couples who are replicating the very same thing our communities have sought to avoid.

Ironically, that same ideal of what marriage is supposed to be doesn't work any better for a lot of straight couples either. What does work is creating relationships that work for our particular lifestyles and work schedules; that allow a level of security and comfort, while continuing to maintain independence, individuality, and freedom; and, that last for as long as we want them to last.

Forever is a long, long time. I admire the many couples who live for decades in relationship. We create myths about them, which is unfair to the individuals, because we want them to be evidence of the dream we desire. Two guys I know have been together for over 20 years and recently tied the knot legally. I was told by someone else they are both on Grindr; the guy who told me was almost livid. The couple broke the fantasy he had of two men being in a long-term relationship without outside sex. Does complete monogamy among male couples exist? Yes, it does; though statistically it's rare after the five-year point.

Communication is vital to maintaining our relationships. When I officiate at weddings I remind the couple that their marriage will change over the years. It doesn't mean they will love each other less, or that their commitment to the idea of marriage and being together will wane. But like everything else on this plane of existence, change is the only constant. When we change, but our marriages don't change, then the long-term relationship is doomed.

If we expect our marriages to be the same today as they were thirty, twenty, ten, five, or even two years ago we're kidding ourselves. We all grow in different ways, and at various times. Relationships are not a straight line, no pun intended. There's a natural, and unpredictable, ebb and flow; it's by riding those waves together that we create a solid foundation of love, trust, and commitment.

If you're already in a relationship, recommit daily to the reason you got together in the first place. If you're single and looking for a partner or partners, get clear on what you want in life – NOT what you want out of a relationship. It's not what we get OUT of relationships, but what we put INTO them that make create satisfying, lasting, and exciting unions.

When we let go of the idea of other people completing us we free ourselves to find and express our own true nature. Each of us have unique and amazing gifts that will not only draw partners to us, but will help heal the planet, one person at a time. But, without a willingness to be who we are without apology or reservation, no one will ever know what we have to offer.

Take pride in your relationships, particularly the most important one you have: The one with yourself.

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Maryland 11th state to ban practice of conversion therapy

Maryland Governor Larry Hogan today signed a bill into law that will protect Maryland youth from the practice of conversion therapy by health professionals. Conversion therapy, sometimes called "ex-gay therapy," attempts to change an individual's sexual orientation and/or gender identity and has been discredited by every major medical and mental health organization as an ineffective and harmful practice.

On April 4, Maryland Republican Delegate Meagan Simonaire made headlines when she took to the floor of Maryland's House of Delegates to give an impassioned speech about the harm that resulted in her own life when her family, including father state senator Bryan Simonaire, sought conversion therapy for her.

The bill signing was the result of targeted grassroots advocacy efforts by the National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR), local Maryland LGBTQ advocacy group FreeState Justice, and the Human Rights Campaign (HRC). NCLR has been standing up on behalf of survivors of conversion therapy for the past 20 years, and in 2014, launched its Born Perfect campaign-marking a commitment to end this practice in each state across the country.

NCLR Youth Policy and Born Perfect Campaign Coordinator Carolyn Reyes said, "Maryland, nicknamed the 'Free State,' just signed a bill into law to ensure LGBTQ youth can be free from harmful, ineffective attempts to change sexual orientation or gender identity through conversion therapy. Right now, there is a growing movement across the country. Maryland, and many other states, are taking action to protect youth from what the American Psychological Association has shown puts our youth at an increased risk of depression, substance abuse, and even suicide. We will keep fighting until all of our youth are protected, no matter where they live."

Conversion therapy survivor and NCLR Born Perfect Campaign Strategist Mathew Shurka said, "By sharing our stories, survivors like Meagan Simonaire and myself can help change hearts and minds to protect LGBTQ youth. Today, the state of Maryland took an important step to ensure that all of Maryland's young people know that they are born perfect."

The National Center for Lesbian Rights is a national legal organization committed to advancing the human and civil rights of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community through litigation, public policy advocacy, and public education.

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Trump administration to stop collecting data on LGBT health

By Terrance Heath

That didn't take long. Under the new leadership of right-wing Trump appointee Robert Redfield, the Centers for Disease Control has taken a big step backward.

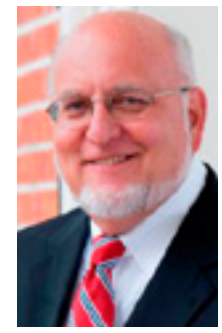
A CDC official disclosed that the agency will roll back support for the collection of data on the health and well-being of LGBT people through the Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS).

The impact of this move should not be underestimated.

"The BRFSS is one of the few federally-supported data collection activities that make the needs of LGBT people known to governmental agencies responsible for the safety, health and welfare of the public," said Kerith J. Conron, the Research Director at the Williams Institute at UCLA School of Law.

"By removing LGBT measures from the BRFSS, the federal government is shirking its responsibility to LGBT Americans."

The decision may signal that the CDC under Redfield's leadership will ignore the needs of LGBTQ Americans. If so, it may have a detrimental effect on health outcomes in our communities.



Redfield

Redfield is a controversial choice to lead the agency not only because of his lack of experience in running a large government agency but also because of his involvement with anti-LGBTQ organizations and engagement in the HIV/AIDS crisis during the 80s and 90.

During the 1980s, Redfield advocated for mandatory testing of military recruits and reporting the information to health authorities.

In the 80s, Redfield had a close relationship with the Association for a Sound AIDS Policy, an evangelical Christian organization that claimed HIV/AIDS was "God's judgment against LGBTQ people," and spread as a result of single-parent households and loss of "family values."

Both ASAP and Redfield backed legislation to subject people with HIV to testing, loss of professional licenses, and quarantine.

This new development at the CDC suggests that the agency is already feeling the influence of Redfield's leadership, and soon our communities will too.

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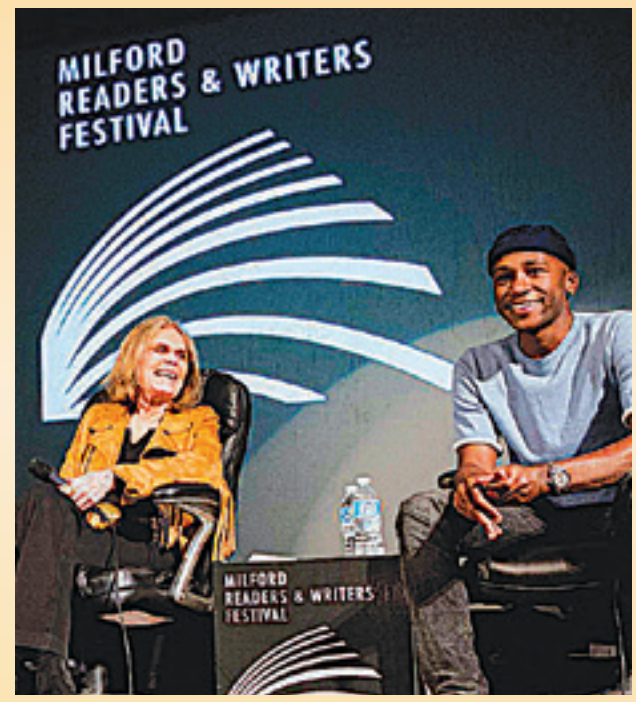

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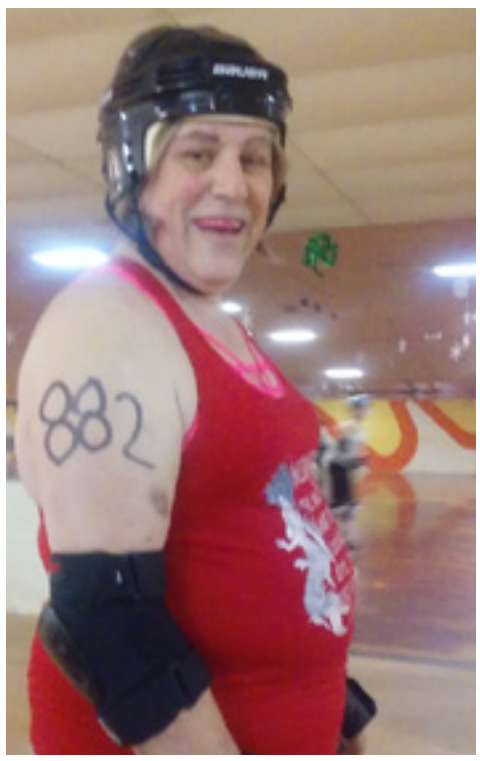
ROLLER DERBY: Sisterhood of the rink from page 1

Yet HARD is not exclusively queer. The team has many LGBT players but also straight, married moms. Each player stands in the face of society's expectation that women don't engage in full-contact sports.

Sarah Benoist said that she's had bad experiences in the past with sports, and specifically pointed out the toxic body image prevalent in sports like gymnastics. That hasn't been her experience with HARD.

"It's nice to find like-minded people who are coming from a common viewpoint with acceptance and sexuality," said Benoist, also noting that people of all body types can participate in roller derby.

Frazee said that "nobody said anything" about her being transgender when she joined: "People were like, 'can you do it?'"



Transgender skater Cassidy Frazeeis is working toward certification. She describes roller derby as a safe space for women, including queer women.

Frazee emphasized that the governing body, Women's Flat Track Derby Association (WFTDA), has demonstrated strong leadership on the acceptance of transgender skaters. "They've made it clear that any woman can play."

WFTDA-participating leagues are expected to deal with any transphobia. Charters can be pulled if a league doesn't actively deal with transphobic incidents, because the league would be violating the code of conduct. It's difficult to think of any other sport that makes such a strong effort to support its trans participants.

For the uninitiated, roller derby is a serious sport. To participate in a league like HARD, skaters need to become certified by the WFTDA.

Certification involves passing a 27/5 (twenty-seven laps, or just under 1 mile, in 5 minutes), doing 1 lap in 13 seconds, and demonstrating skating skills like moving forward and backward and performing certain starts and stops. Skaters also have to demonstrate that they can hit and take a hit, and they must pass a 50-question test on WFTDA rules.

While roller derby certainly has qualities that are unique, there are a lot of familiar tropes that fans of other sports may find familiar. HARD referee Registered Curse said that roller derby is "like a Mario Party of sports." The skating may feel familiar to fans of other skating sports like speed skating and figure skating; the hitting, blocking, and formations may feel familiar to fans of rugby and football; the stamina and agility may feel familiar to fans of soccer and hockey.

Names are part of the games

Those who aren't sport enthusiasts may be drawn to parallels with drag culture: a big part of roller derby is selecting your name, which is an expression of identity that may involve wordplay, reference to fictional characters, and innuendo. Self-expression is encouraged; for example, Bismashual competes wearing makeup and lipstick referencing the colors of the bi flag.

Some fans that remember the televised roller derby from the 70s may also have the idea that it's similar to WWE wrestling, but they would be making a mistake. Contemporary roller derby isn't scripted like versions of roller derby have been in the past; the sport has evolved and continues to evolve.

Announcer Gretchen Little reflected that while roller derby has developed more rules and become more technical, a downside is that prospective fans may be unfamiliar with the rules and find the pace of play difficult to follow. That's where her role as announcer comes in. Little has been announcing for HARD bouts since she moved to the area in 2008, and if you attend a HARD bout without knowing much of what to expect, her commentary will help you understand what's happening.

Besides announcing, there are other non-skating roles that lots of people take on in order to sustain the league. Referees like Registered Curse don't only officiate bouts, but help advise the skaters in the league on the rules. Referees and non-skating officials often show up to the two or more practices per week in order to stay sharp on their ability to call penalties, and to participate in the community. Registered Curse started skating with HARD as a player but got hurt and wanted to stay involved.

We are family

In talking with the skaters, I received a strong message that they feel that they've become part of a family with HARD. Bismashual, who is now the president of HARD's board of directors, started participating in the league at the end of college. Roller derby helped her settle into the area when she moved to Harrisburg for a job. She had countless examples of the ways she's given and received support from teammates: she got a flat tire and one of the teammates picked her up, she's jump started other teammates' cars. Teammates have taken each other to doctor appointments, helped with watching kids and getting groceries when someone is sick, and visited a teammate in the hospital.

The vibe is accepting and encouraging. Some "fresh meat" have certified very quickly, and some take a year or so. Roller derby is mentally and physically challenging, and the team encourages one another through these challenges.

Bismashual talked about the culture of acknowledging each other's different strengths and not comparing oneself to others. Coaches have offered one-on-one practice time to develop certain skills. When someone falls, it's turned into a positive by cheering on the teammate for a "good recovery."

Frazee got into it for one primary reason: she wanted to do something that she had a chance at succeeding at.

"A majority of my life has been defined by failures," she said, citing two failed marriages, being estranged from her family, and financial challenges. "I felt that with derby if I worked hard I would succeed, I got the sense of accomplishment I needed. I felt that with people I knew in the league it would push me to succeed. I want to be an active, contributing member of the team."

After about a year skating, Frazee says she's found success in being integrated into community, with a group of people who have her back. "Once you're in derby you're always in derby. It goes beyond just a simple community, it's almost like you're a family. My biggest group of friends right now is all my derby sisters."

To learn more about Harrisburg Area Roller Derby, visit www.harrisburgareaollerderby.com. To learn more about Women's Flat Track Derby Association, visit www.wftda.com.

Gay and Lesbian Chamber names new executive director

By Central Voice

Harry Young is a familiar face in the region. The Central PA Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce recently named him executive director. Most recently, he served on the Entertainment, Food and Beverage team at Hershey Entertainment and Resorts, where he managed a staff of over 300 employees and a multi-million-dollar revenue operation. Young also served as volunteer President and CEO of CPGLCC. Young also serves as Affiliate Chamber Council Chair for the Northeast Region by NGLCC – National LGBT Chamber of Commerce. A graduate of Messiah College, Young resides in Harrisburg with his husband, Eric Gutshall.

Central Voice: Having an executive director will enable the chamber to...

HARRY YOUNG: Having an executive director will enable the chamber to serve its members in new and increasingly impactful ways.

In just over 10 years, our chamber has been a transformative force in local LGBT business, and has been recognized at the national level for our efforts four times, most recently last year, receiving NGLCC's Excellence in Community Impact Award for the work we've done to expand opportunities for Certified LGBT Business Enterprises (LGBTBEs).

We've come a long way with an all-volunteer board, but in order to grow, flourish, and enhance service to our members, the board recognized that we would need someone dedicated to the organization full time. The addition of an executive director will allow us to be more active and visible in the community, and forge new connections and opportunities for our members.

We will continue to focus on our members and Corporate Partners and expand our reach to serve the eight counties we represent in a more robust way. We will strengthen our strategic partnerships and advocate for the interests of LGBT businesses and professionals.

CV: Your main goal as the chamber's new executive director is...

HY: As executive director, it's my goal to expand the programming our chamber offers, add value to membership, and firmly establish our organization as the authority on LGBT business in our region.

New programs will come in many forms, from advocacy to information sharing and educational opportunities, to in-person events. Regardless the format, our new programming will be aimed to serve our entire geographic footprint, and be inclusive of the entire LGBT community. Fostering a diverse and inclusive business network needs to be at the forefront of what we do. I will work to create an organization that is reflective of the richness and diversity represented in our community in Central PA.

CV: The chamber can help an LGBT or other business by...

HY: Our membership ranges from professionals, to not-for-profit organizations,

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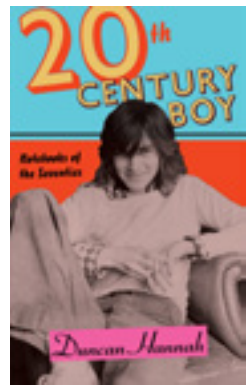
Still smiling; artist recalls life in 1970s NYC fast lane

Duncan Hannah remembers the heady days of the NYC art scene PHOTO BY DAN VON BEHREN

By Frank Pizzoli

A girlfriend once told Duncan Hannah he slept with a smile on his face. That smile is still there. Allen Ginsburg made heroic moves on him to no avail. That was Hannah's life in New York City in the raucous 70s. There he was suspended as if in midair somewhere below 14th Street where the gritty underground coursed through the lives David Bowie, Andy Warhol, the Max's Kansas City crowd. A survivor with the same *joie de vivre* now as then, he tells all in *20th Century Boy, Notebooks of the Seventies.*



Frank Pizzoli (CV): It's 1975, you're fresh from Parsons and you don't miss a thing in New York City. How did you survive?

Duncan Hannah: Well I could easily have not. So many others didn't.

CV: Why you?

HANNAH: A psychic once told me that I had a guardian angel named Anthony looking after me.

CV: When did you adjust habits?

HANNAH: By 32, I'd given up the party. And I've been very happy to learn since then that the party continues. Life's pretty good for me but you don't know that when you're in your twenties earnestly discovering yourself.

CV: What drove you then?

HANNAH: It's easy to fall into all the romantic myths about the culture around you. I wanted to be around all those people. Whether that's good or whether that's passion, whatever it is when you're young that's a powerful lure.

CV: Your Kevin Bacon was ridiculous. And it was pre-Internet. How did one manage all those relationships?

HANNAH: Every Wednesday morning you'd grab the *Village Voice*. You got on the telephone. People had their special groups. People let each other know what was happening in the city.

CV: All that was easy for you?

HANNAH: Not really, at least not at first. I was young and not on the guest lists. I had no money. Danny Fields was the one who opened many doors that allowed me to get into many places I normally would not have without him.

CV: So, there you were, a straight kid from Minneapolis, cute as the day is long, mixing in with high-brow, low-brow, straight, gay, sex, drugs, rock and roll. One big social cocktail.

HANNAH: I certainly had people interested in me, some funny stories around all that.

CV: Do tell?

HANNAH: Allen Ginsburg, for example. I always admired his work. When I finally met him, he would always make a play for me, especially early on he made big plays for me.

CV: And then what?

HANNAH: I told Ginsburg he was a hero of mine and all he wanted to do was get in my pants. Why couldn't we be creative together? Why couldn't we be creative peers?

CV: How did that go over?

HANNAH: William Burroughs was there, saw everything, when he put the squeeze on me. Burroughs said: Finally, Ginsburg, somebody has your number.

CV:: How did that eventually play out?

HANNAH: I would run into Ginsburg over and over at various venues throughout the 80s, and even later. And each time I'd see him he hadn't remembered the previous times. But the coda to that story is quite nice. By the 90s he had asked if I would participate in a two person show of his photographs and my paintings. I'm not sure still then, even at that moment, he realized that he had so often hit on me. I did bring it to his attention. I noted to him that it took a long time for him to see me as an artist, not a pick up.

CV: Ginsburg's reaction?

HANNAH: He asked if we could trade works! Of course, I agreed. And we did.

CV: Finally, it was about your work. My experiences in 70s New York City taught me it was 'about the work,' the creative work. Not about wealth, status, velvet ropes. The creative class was accessible.

HANNAH: Yes, it's true. Everyone below 14th Street knew one another. It was a very small group. And it was about the work, not about money or fame or fortune. People actually had a sincere interest in what others were doing creatively.

CV: Eventually, their ideas informed the larger public?

HANNAH: For sure. It was an underground. Early into it all we felt we had a shared secret. But nothing stays underground for any length of time. It quickly goes above ground.

CV: One above ground experience in 1980 – The Times Square Show (a seminal group exhibition organized by Collaborative Projects Inc., or Colab, where Hannah's work hung alongside Jean-Michel Basquiat and Keith Haring) – fueled your eventual trajectory.

HANNAH: The Times Square Show was our version of social realism.

CV; After the Abstract Expressionists had waned and Pop Art was in full vogue?

HANNAH: Yes, like Pop Art relied on real images, we wanted the world to see what New York City was really like - rats, dirty needles, ghettos, poverty, homelessness. It was about 100 artists who wanted to make a statement.

CV: And this was the 'old' Times Square, pre- Mayor Rudy Giuliani and Disney?

HANNAH: A drastically different environment back then.

CV: But you were not a Pop Artist?

HANNAH: Hardly. That's the funny thing. My work did not represent the trend then in terms of art. I had been then, and remain, traditional. The New York Times reviewer Brett Sokol wrote (April 16, 2016) that back then, as now, I was "steeped in the figurative traditions of his heroes Edward Hopper and Winslow Homer and excited to follow their career footsteps."

CV: About 100 artists from all backgrounds and presentation styles came together to draw attention to the city's underclass?

HANNAH: Exactly. The building we used was abandoned, as were many in 'old' Times Square. We worried that owners and developers would enrich only themselves rather than, at least in some ways, address affordable housing and homelessness.

CV: A 70s version of Intersectional?

HANNAH: Yes. The show was a great crossover. I suppose you're right, the word today would be Intersectional. As artists we wanted to show the mosaic of human experience that New York City was in those years. Still is, although it's more polarized between rich and poor.

CV: Besides launching you, did the Times Square Show shape you?

HANNAH: I never paint a protest. I find that art that has an agenda is not effective.

CV: Now that will get you a one-month sentence for re-education in activist boot camp.

HANNAH: Oh yes, I guess it will. But once someone told me that art that was beautiful and brought pleasure was not worth it. Imagine that. I guess I'm a little backwards. I'm not that way at all.

CV: Where do your ideas come from? There you were around Warhol, Pop Artists, Keith Haring, yet ever the traditionalist.

HANNAH: You would think my work would be like Warhol's and others since I have spent so much time in and around that crowd. Well, I'm not a very good modern artist in the sense that my life is not part of my art. I think that Warhol was idea driven. He was always looking for good ideas. I'm more intuitive, I respond to what I love. I see something beautiful and I want to paint it. That's how I work.

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Award-winning literature for your summer reading pleasure

Dauphin County Library Book Reviews

By Yvonne Carmichael

It's summer and here are some of the finalists for the 30th Annual Lambda Literary Awards and/or best titles that came from April's Triangle Awards ceremony. Remember, the Dauphin County Library System is a great place to start your journey for great reading.

Jane Crow: The Life of Pauli Murray
by Rosalind Rosenberg

Throughout her prodigious life, activist and lawyer Pauli Murray systematically fought against all arbitrary distinctions in society, channeling her outrage at the discrimination she faced to make America a more democratic country. In this definitive biography, Rosalind Rosenberg offers a poignant portrait of a figure who played pivotal roles in both the modern civil rights and women's movements. . . Murray forged a singular career in the law. In the 1950s, her legal scholarship helped Thurgood Marshall challenge segregation head-on in the landmark Brown v. Board of Education case. When appointed by Eleanor Roosevelt to the President's Commission on the Status of Women in 1962, she advanced the idea of Jane Crow, arguing that the same reasons used to condemn race discrimination could be used to battle gender discrimination. . . While she would today be identified as transgender, during her lifetime no social movement existed to support this identity. She ultimately used her private feelings of being "in-between" to publicly contend that identities are not fixed, an idea that has powered campaigns for equal rights in the United States for the past half-century.

Don't Call Us Dead: Poems
by Danez Smith

"Smith's unflinching poetry addresses race, class, sexuality, faith, social justice, mortality, and the challenges of living HIV positive at the intersection of black and queer identity. The collection opens with a heartrending sequence that imagines an afterlife for black men shot by police, a place where suspicion, violence, and grief are forgotten and replaced with the safety, love, and longevity they deserved on earth. Smith's courage and hope amidst the struggle for unity in America will humble and uplift you.

The Fact of a Body: A Murder and a Memoir
by Alexandria Marzano-Lesnevich

Before Alexandria Marzano-Lesnevich begins a summer job at a law firm in Louisiana, working to help defend men accused of murder, she thinks her position is clear. The child of two lawyers, she is staunchly anti-death penalty. But the moment convicted murderer Ricky Langley›s face flashes on the screen as she reviews old tapes -- the moment she hears him speak of his crimes -- she is overcome with the feeling of wanting him to die. Shocked by her reaction, she digs deeper and deeper into the case. As Alexandria pores over the facts of the murder, she finds herself thrust into the complicated narrative of Ricky›s childhood, and by examining his case, is forced to face her own story, unearth long-buried family secrets, and reckon with a past that colors her view of Ricky›s crime.

To My Trans Sisters
edited by Charlie Craggs

A touching and inspiring anthology of letters edited by Craggs (founder of Nail Transphobia), this offering collects missives of advice for transgender women. Brief biographies precede each letter, allowing readers to get a sense of the background of the writer. Letters come in different formats: traditional letters, letters to the writer's self, poetry, single sentences, and more. Craggs gathers an astonishingly diverse cadre of contributors, who offer both practical and emotional advice. A full range of emotions are represented in the raw, allowing for celebration, anger, and beyond.

Difficult Women by Roxane Gay

Difficult Women is a collection of stories of rare force and beauty, of hardscrabble lives, passionate loves, and quirky and vexed human connection. The women in these stories live lives of privilege and of poverty, are in marriages both loving and haunted by past crimes or emotional blackmail. A pair of sisters, grown now, have been inseparable ever since they were abducted together as children, and must negotiate the elder sister›s marriage. A woman married to a twin pretends not to realize when her husband and his brother impersonate each other. A stripper putting herself through college fends off the advances of an overzealous customer. A black engineer moves to Upper Michigan for a job and faces the malign curiosity of her colleagues and the difficulty of leaving her past behind.

The Heart's Invisible Furies
by John Boyne

Adopted by a well-to-do if eccentric Dublin couple who remind him that he is not a real member of their family, Cyril embarks on a journey to find himself and where he came from, discovering his identity, a home, a country, and much more throughout a long lifetime.

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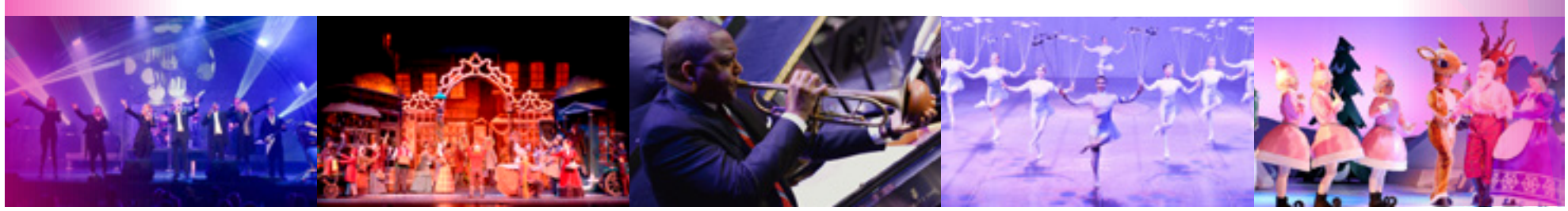

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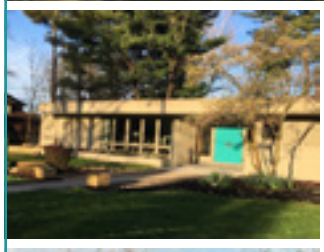

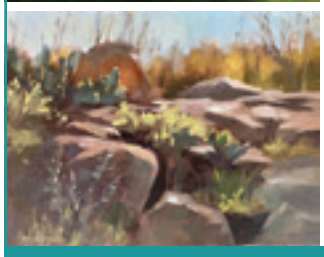

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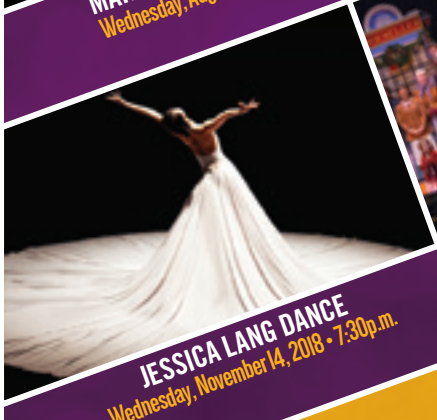

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educational institutions, small businesses, and large corporations, each with its own distinct needs and goals. In joining the chamber, a business demonstrates its commitment to LGBT inclusion.

For some businesses, that means finding ways to better serve their employees and offer resources for LGBT and allied team members. For others, it means reaching the important and powerful LGBT consumer segment. LGBT-owned businesses are drawn to our chamber because we connect them to LGBT Business Enterprise Certification.

We are the only organization in the area, and one of only three in the Commonwealth, that is an affiliate of NGLCC and can offer this certification to businesses that can help them leverage contracting opportunities with large corporations seeking to do business with diverse suppliers, as well as government and public entities that recognize LGBTBE Certification, such as the Commonwealth of PA.

For large corporations, membership in the chamber is a direct link to these Certified LGBTBEs. And for many businesses and professionals seeking referrals and networking, our monthly mixer series is a great way to connect and stay in touch with our local business community.

CV: In our July-August 2017 print edition, CV published a story on Keystone Business Services. The series started with a program on access to capital by the Small Business Administration. Were there other programs held? On what topics? Does the series continue into the present?

HY: Last year, we hosted Access to Capital, in partnership with the Small Business Administration, as part of our Keystone Business Series, which encompasses our chamber's business development programming. The events we host are driven my member demand, as well as market trends and what's new in business and LGBT inclusion.

Since that initial event, we've launched an LGBTBE Certification Cohort Program, which provides business owners interested in or seeking certification support through the process.

We're also building programming for the remainder of 2018 and into 2019, including a monthly Lancaster Networking Series, to complement our popular Harrisburg-area monthly mixers, as well as an LGBT Business Summit, and programs focused on advocacy. We strive to continually enhance our offerings to remain relevant and to meet the needs of our diverse members.

CV: The chamber currently has how many members?

HY: The chamber currently has about 145 members.

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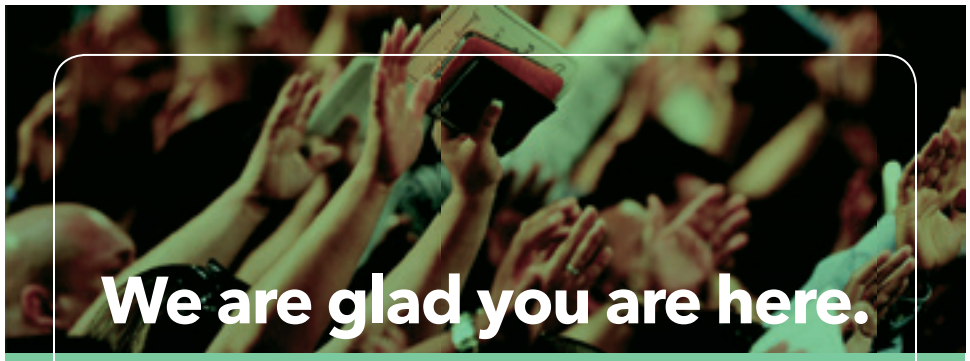

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Homophobes and transphobes

Trans Central PA Topics

By Joanne Carroll

Frankly, as I listen to the continuing bigoted rhetoric uttered by the homophobes and the transphobes out there, especially those that claim any patch of moral or religious high ground, I get more agitated off with every one of their words.

My current irascibility revolves around all of the efforts at the Federal level to strip away all the rights and freedoms earned by our LGBT community, the discriminatory legislation in conservative leaning states and now during the recent past Primary season the re-branding of the PA Fairness Act as a "bathroom bill".

There is NOT ONE speck of evidence anywhere that would suggest that someone like me (a transgender woman) has ever gone into a public women's restroom to voyeuristically enjoy the surroundings or to accost someone with sexual overtures. Let me repeat NOT ONE!

What is fascinating to me is their allegations have to come from somewhere because they are not supported by any known fact. This leads me to believe, that their own deviancy and sick minds conjure up the images that they tout as potential problems.

There is NOT ONE speck of evidence anywhere that would suggest that someone like me (a transgender woman) has ever gone into a public women's restroom to voyeuristically enjoy the surroundings or to accost someone with sexual overtures.

Opponents of fairness for the LGBT community in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania throw hyperbole around like confetti as they quote one discredited "expert" after another, take snippets from the Bible as if it were a menu from a Chinese restaurant using one from column "A" and another from column "B", and then superimpose their own perversity over every word.

In my high school experience, I hated going to gym class, because I simply did not want those boys to see me naked. Further, I would not have been comfortable in the girl's locker room either, because my mind did not match my body. I abhorred what I saw in the mirror, because it reminded me daily of my gender incongruity. I would be willing to wager that my story would find resonance with the majority of my trans-sisters.

The fire breathing hate mongers on the far right have thus far lost all of their wedge issues. They lost on segregation, sodomy laws, and marriage equality and now those of us in the transgender community are their current marginalized demographic to victimize. Perhaps they have convinced themselves that since our numbers are relatively smaller, that we are a better target.

They neglected one important thing in their strategy; the LGBT community knows how to combat bigotry because we have beaten them before. In addition, public opinion is in our favor and we know that "The Arc of Moral History is long and it bends Toward Justice".

So where does this all end up? Hard to say, but I can only guess that we are bound to hear these spurious comments for at least the near future. That being the case, I will do my best to control my Irish temper, and when and where I have the opportunity, do my best to refute their sordid claims.

What astounds me are those comments from those LGBT brothers and sisters that insist that voting for a Republican makes sense because we need to reduce the polarity and put balance into the system. Well I saw a bumper sticker the other day that said this, "Any woman or member of the LGBT community that votes for a Republican is like a chicken trying to be best friends with Colonel Sanders!"

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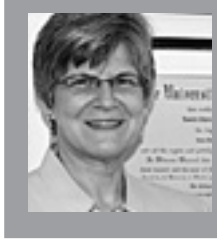

By Laurie T. Baulig, Esq.

On June 4, 2018, the United States Supreme Court upheld the right of a self-described cake artist in Colorado to refuse to sell a wedding cake to a same-sex couple.

As framed by the Supreme Court, the issue in the case was, "whether applying Colorado's public accommodations law to compel Phillips [the baker] to create expression that violates his sincerely held religious beliefs about marriage violates the Free Speech or Free Exercise Clauses of the First Amendment." In a 7-2 decision, the Supreme Court held that Phillips' religious beliefs were sincerely held, that he was protected under the Constitution's Free Exercise of Religion Clause, and that he therefore did not violate the state's public accommodations law.

The facts in the case were not disputed. David Mullins and Charlie Craig visited Masterpiece Cakeshop in a suburb of Denver, Colorado, in July 2012, to order a cake for their upcoming wedding reception. Because same-sex marriage was not legal in Colorado at the time, Mullins and Craig planned to marry in Massachusetts and then celebrate with family and friends at a reception in Colorado. But bakery owner Jack Phillips informed them that the bakery wouldn't sell wedding cakes to same-sex couples. He did offer to sell the couple baked goods for other purposes but cited his religious objections to same-sex marriage as the reason for refusing to sell the couple a wedding cake.

Thereafter, Mullins and Craig filed a complaint with the Colorado Civil Rights Commission ("Commission"), which ruled that Phillips had engaged in sexual orientation discrimination under the Colorado Anti-Discrimination Act. The Commission's decision was affirmed by the Colorado Court of Appeals; the Colorado Supreme Court denied review; and the case was then accepted for review by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Justice Kennedy's majority opinion focuses on the conduct of the Commission, especially statements by some of the Commissioners, in finding that Phillips was not afforded a "neutral hearing that was tolerant of his religious beliefs." For example, one Commissioner stated: "Freedom of religion and religion has been used to justify all kinds of discrimination throughout history, whether it be slavery, whether it be the holocaust, whether it be—I mean, we—we can list hundreds of situations where freedom of religion has been used to justify discrimination. And to me it is one of the most despicable pieces of rhetoric that people can use to—to use their religion to hurt others."

Justice Kennedy viewed this statement as "disparaging" to Phillips' religion, particularly the references to slavery and the Holocaust. Said Kennedy, "This sentiment is inappropriate for a Commission charged with the solemn responsibility of fair and neutral enforcement of Colorado's antidiscrimination law—a law that protects discrimination on the basis of religion as well as sexual orientation."

The majority opinion also notes three other cases involving bakers as evidence of the Commission's "hostility" to Phillips' religious beliefs. In those cases, three bakeries were found not to be in violation of the public accommodations law when they refused to bake two cakes with anti-gay messages and images. The customer, William Jack, requested that one of the cakes include an image of two groomsmen, holding hands, with a red 'X' over the image. On one cake, he requested on one side, 'God hates sin. Psalm 45:7' and on the opposite side of the cake 'Homosexuality is a detestable sin. Leviticus 18:2.' On the second cake, the one with the image of the two groomsmen covered by a red 'X', Jack requested these words: 'God loves sinners' and on the other side 'While we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Romans 5:8.' Said the Court, "the Commission's consideration of Phillips' religious objection did not accord with its treatment of these other objections." In other words, the three bakers who refused to bake cakes with homophobic messages were asserting the same right Phillips was asserting by refusing to bake a wedding cake for a same-sex wedding reception. The Commission was therefore inconsistent - and demonstrated religious intolerance - in finding that Phillips violated the public accommodations law while the other bakers did not.

What Justice Kennedy and the majority seem to be saying is that a balancing test must be applied to determine which right prevails - the freedom to express one's religion or the right to be free from discrimination. In applying this balancing test to future cases, "Disputes must be resolved with tolerance, without undue disrespect to sincere religious beliefs and without subjecting gay persons to indignities when they seek goods and services in an open market." Such a test may be difficult to apply in practice, however, and gives little guidance to courts on how to resolve such disputes when one party's sincere religious beliefs are respected. And when gay persons are denied goods and services because of their sexual orientation, how can such "indignities" ever be avoided? Kennedy's opinion makes clear that these are questions left for another day.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's dissenting opinion merits mention. In it, she discounts the majority's reliance on the statements made by the Commissioners as evidence of bias against Philips' religious views. She also notes her agreement with many of the statements made by the majority, including the general rule that religious and philosophical objections "do not allow business owners and other actors in the economy and in society to deny protected persons equal access to goods and services under a neutral and generally applicable public accommodations law." In addition, the majority recognizes, "Colorado law can protect gay persons, just as it can protect other classes of individuals, in acquiring whatever products and services they choose on the same terms and conditions as are offered to other members of the public." Under these principles - supported by all nine justices - Justice Ginsburg would have held in favor of Craig and Mullins. Justice Sotomayor joined Justice Ginsburg's opinion.

While significant, the Masterpiece Cakeshop case is the first in what may be many more decisions that pit religious freedom against same-sex or sexual orientation discrimination. Indeed, there are several cases pending in the lower courts that present the same or similar legal issues as Masterpiece. What the Court did not decide was whether Phillips' refusal to bake a wedding cake was a protected form of expression - freedom of speech - under the First Amendment. That important issue will continue to be litigated and may ultimately end up back before the U.S. Supreme Court. Until then, the Masterpiece precedent will likely - and unfortunately - be used to justify discriminatory treatment of gays and lesbians in the provision of goods and services offered to the public.

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Neighborhood Dispute Center open for business

40-year old Harrisburg organization receives over 100 inquiries for services each year

By Frank Pizzoli

Kanagy

Ever wish you had an independent person to help resolve a conflict?

That's Jacob Kanagy, program administrator, Neighborhood Dispute Center, Peffer St., Harrisburg. The organization is celebrating its 40th year of operations.

Kanagy said he helps hundreds of people resolve conflicts and draws upon his degree in conflict transformation to assist his efforts.

The mission of Neighborhood Dispute Center is to provide conflict resolution solutions through free direct services, training, and education. Kanagy maintains this mission is fulfilled through the provision of mediation, conflict coaching, educational trainings, and Youth Peace Sessions. He pointed to the center's services are not limited to those in the midst of a neighbor, landlord/tenant, family, or custody dispute.

"Typically NDS receives over 100 inquiries for services each year," Kanagy told *The Central Voice* over coffee. "To date for 2018 we've received 65 inquiries for services," he says.

All those inquiries keep Kanagy busy.

NDS's biggest challenge is the lack of awareness about their services. A reoccurring problem that I face is that people are either unaware of our services or are under the impression that we are no longer open," Kanagy says.

He grew up in Lancaster where he lives with his wife Sarah. After earning a degree in political science, he graduated from Eastern Mennonite University with a master's degree in Conflict Transformation.

"A concern for issues of peace and justice has been my passion for a number of years," Kanagy explains. His interest was further deepened through several formative experiences, include a trip to Rwanda in 2010. "In addition to my work at NDS, I work as a consultant for churches in the midst of conflict, transitions, or seeking clarity in identifying God's mission for their congregation."

Requests for service can be made by individuals, police officers, magisterial district justices, municipal governments, or other community agencies. Referrals may be made by police officers or district magistrates in lieu of a citation or a fine. A number of individuals are referred by Fair Housing, MidPenn Legal Services, and the Dauphin County Bar Association.

NDS's geographical footprint includes all of Dauphin, Cumberland, and Perry counties.

Mediation and conflict coaching services are free with the opportunity for individuals to provide a small donation. "As an organization, we believe that financial limitations should never impede an individual from peacefully resolving their dispute," Kanagy says.

Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Center receives $10,000 grant

Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center has received a $10,000 grant from City Center to support a recently-completed enhancement of the center's community room. The project was also supported by an anonymous foundation

Programs that occur in the community room include artist and author talks, lectures, film screenings, community forums on LGBT issues, and more. In addition to programs produced by Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center, the space is also used by Lehigh Valley Humanists for their monthly events. In 2017 alone, Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center produced 47 free arts and culture programs for the community.

"The free arts and culture programs we are producing at our community center in downtown Allentown bring people together to celebrate the tradition of art and culture in the LGBT community. Our enhanced community room means we are better positioned to offer space for more exciting programs to come. We are grateful to City Center and the anonymous foundation for their support of this project. " said Adrian Shanker, Executive Director, Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center.

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She won her commissioner seat by the widest margin of all candidates elected. "We had the highest voter turnout," she says, with several polls upwards of 30%, the highest at 34%.

Zanelli says "Aspirations may not be the best word" to describe why she ran.

"Running was something I was asked to do because the other players were seen as unfit. If the opportunity presents itself to run for higher office and I feel I am best suited to do that job, then I will consider it," she said.

Both Zanelli and her wife Angela were 'out' before she ran for public office. "We were the lesbian PTA parents!" she exclaims.

"So far, I have been received very well by my elected peers from both sides of the fence," Zanelli says. She partly attributes her acceptance to her campaign performance.

"I won 62% of the vote in a three-way primary against two very established male opponents who had held office before, and took even better numbers in the general," Zanelli explains. She has "reached out" to her fellow commissioners and "built relationships". "I have great respect for all members of my board, and they know that."

What's life like for Zanelli behind the scenes?

"Being 'out' in politics has taken me out of my comfort zone," Zanelli says, in testament to the adage that one never stops coming out. "By nature, I am an introvert." While she was always active behind the scenes, "going from organizing a rally to speaking at it was new territory that took getting used to," Zanelli says.

By her own description, Zanelli say "I'm the nerdy girl who would rather stay home and play board games with close friends on a Friday night." Then she found herself "speaking at protests and hosting panel discussions."

Why break out?

"I took that leap because I knew the face of politics needed to change not only in the Lehigh Valley, but also across the country," Zanelli says. "I channeled the energy of some of my favorite heroines, like Clara Lemlich, The Notorious RBG, and Joan of Arc."

Central Voice asked Zanelli What is your greatest joy?

"Knowing that I have taught my kids how to reach out and shape their world, not just to be passive observers, but to make a difference," she concludes.

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